



Burr Ridge Briefs

Volume 35, Issue 1 Spring 2004

BURR RIDGE DIRECTORY

VILLAGE OFFICIALS

VILLAGE PRESIDENT

Jo Irmen
654-8181 ext. 160 or
654-2020

VILLAGE CLERK

Karen Thomas
654-8181 ext. 101
kthomas@burr-ridge.gov

TRUSTEES

Dolores Cizek 323-4855
Gary Grasso 654-0060
Dan Pallat 325-8568
Al Paveza 323-7115
Amy Rohner 887-0667
Bob Sodikoff 323-6134

VILLAGE STAFF **654-8181**

ADMINISTRATOR

Steven Stricker ext. 100
sstricker@burr-ridge.gov

ASSISTANT TO THE ADMINISTRATOR

Lisa Ensing-Scheiner, ext. 105
lensing@burr-ridge.gov

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Doug Pollock ext. 120
dpollock@burr-ridge.gov

FINANCE DIRECTOR

Jerry Sapp ext. 200
jsapp@burr-ridge.gov

CHIEF OF POLICE

Herbert Timm 323-8181
htimm@burr-ridge.gov

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Lance Calvert
Menu Option 7, ext. 450
lcalvert@burr-ridge.gov

Village Copes with Declining Revenue in New Budget

The Fiscal Year 2004-2005 budget is under review by the Village Board of Trustees. A public hearing will be held Monday, April 12th. The \$13.2 million balanced budget reflects leaner times and, for the third year in a row, projects decreases in some of the Village's largest revenue sources. Sales tax, for instance, is the largest revenue source in the General Fund. It is estimated the Village will receive \$2,015,590, 2.9% less than the previous budget.

To help balance the General Fund (the Village's operating budget), spending for the 2004

Road Program has been significantly reduced from approximately \$1.1 million to \$731,397. In previous years, budget surpluses allowed the Village to increase the scope of the program. See below for information on specific projects.

Similarly, a lack of surplus funds forced a reduction of the property tax abatement used to pay the principal and interest on the 2003 G.O. Bond Issue for the Bedford Park Water Main Project. The Village will continue to abate 50% of the tax levy while the remaining 50% will be passed on to Village property tax payers.

The Board is also considering an increase in water rates. The largest single expense in the Water Fund is the cost of Lake Michigan water. Since 1998 the cost of water has increased by 26% but that cost has been absorbed by the budget. Without a rate increase, a significant deficit is projected. If a rate increase is approved it would begin May 1, 2004.

Proposed in next year's budget are two new projects funded through existing equity that will not impact the budget. The development and implementation of a GIS (Geographic Information

System) would greatly improve the ability to map and maintain Village infrastructure. The total cost of a GIS is \$159,000 over a three year period.

Also spread over three years is the renovation of the Public Works facility. Improvements to the interior and exterior of the building include interior remodeling, warehouse/vehicle area repair/remodeling, mechanic bay improvements and complete roof replacement. The renovations will allow staff to work more efficiently.

For the third year in a row, some of the Village's largest revenue sources are projected to decrease.

2004 Road Program Includes Traffic Calming Devices



A similar traffic circle will be installed on 72nd Street to slow oncoming traffic.

Motorists will soon encounter traffic calming devices on 72nd Street and Chasemoor Drive. One traffic circle (four on 72nd, 2 on Chasemoor) are intended to slow traffic, a response to growing concerns of neighboring residents. Updated traffic counts confirm residents' perceptions that traffic volume has increased, yet they remain more concerned about speed. The Board approved this \$25,000 pilot program

as part of its 2004 Road Program, scheduled to begin in the spring/early summer. The total cost of this year's program, \$731,397, is scaled back due to budget constraints.

Also included in the program is the resurfacing of streets in the Arrowhead Farm, Woodcreek, Ridge Farm and Hinsdale Industrial Park subdivisions along with 97th Street, Chasemoor Drive, Norris Court, Steepleside Drive and Woodgate Drive. When work begins, residents can access information about the various projects by visiting the Village's web site, tuning in to Channel 6 or calling the Village's construction hotline at 654-8181, option 8.

Public Works in Brief

Hydrant Flushing to Begin in April

The Water and Sewer Division will be flushing the Village's fire hydrants during the month of April. Hydrant flushing is necessary to ensure high water quality and improve water flow throughout the distribution system. This program also enables fire hydrants to be inspected and properly maintained. Residents may experience a short period of water discoloration during flushing. If your water is discolored, we recommend running it for a few minutes until it clears. Every effort will be made to minimize any inconveniences this work may cause. For additional information on this program, please call the Water & Sewer Division at 323-4733 or call Village Hall at 654-8181, option 7.

Spring Tree Planting

As part of its 2004 Spring Tree Planting Program, the Public Works Department will be planting 100 trees throughout the Village. 75% of the trees will be planted this Spring. The total cost of the project, split up between the spring and fall seasons, is \$15,419.

Cook County to Reconstruct Plainfield Rd.

The Cook County Highway Department will be reconstructing Plainfield Road from County Line Road to Willow Springs Road during the summer and fall. The project includes sidewalk removal and replacement, street resurfacing and widening west of the tollway. The road east of the tollway will include more extensive street reconstruction and widening. Detour routes are still being finalized prior to bid and construction.

Mosquito Abatement Contract Approved

April showers bring May flowers, but warmer temperatures and rainfall bring pesky mosquitoes. To reduce the annoyance of mosquitoes and risk of the West Nile virus, the Village renewed a contract with Clarke Mosquito Control. The \$47,658 contract includes mosquito surveillance, larval control, catch basin treatment, adult spraying and a resident mosquito hotline (800-942-2555). Residents can call the mosquito hotline to report problems or, because of allergies, request advance notice of sprayings. Notice will also be posted on the Village's cable channel 6 bulletin board. Thanks to a new DuPage County Health Department program that monitors the existence of the West Nile virus, the Village saved \$6,825 in abatement costs.



Mosquitoes that transmit West Nile breed in warm stagnant water and are more prevalent in dry summer seasons. The flood-water mosquito is a nuisance but generally not a disease carrier. Obvious breeding grounds for mosquitoes include lawns, shrubbery, swimming pools and bird baths, but sources of standing water are often overlooked. Dispose of cans and containers, empty standing water from boats, trailers, toys or wheelbarrows and turn over when not in use. Clean roof gutters and window wells, drill holes in the bottom of trash containers and recycling bins, and check storm drains and catch basins on your property frequently. If a catch basin on your property frequently has standing water, call the Public Works Department at 323-4733 and a member of our staff will evaluate whether it warrants additional treatment.

Police Briefs

Sign Up for the Citizens Police Academy

Recruiting is now underway for the 7th annual Burr Ridge Citizen Police Academy. The next session begins Thursday, September 9th at 6:30 PM. The sessions last 3 hours and run for ten weeks. For more information or to sign up, contact Officer Angie Zuccherro at 654-8181, ext. 322 or stop by the Police Department for a brochure and application.

Safety Talk and Tour Available

Stranger danger, ID theft and over-the-phone scams are safety topics discussed in recent presentations by Officer Angie Zuccherro of the Burr Ridge Police Department. Officer Zuccherro has provided Safety Talks and Tours to Senior Citizen organizations, Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops throughout the area. If there is a topic relevant to your organization, schedule a Safety Talk and Tour by contacting Officer Zuccherro at 654-8181, ext. 322.



Child Safety Seats

Improper installation of child safety seats is a common and dangerous problem. Protect your children by scheduling an inspection or free installation. Call Officer Angie Zuccherro, a Certified Car Seat Technician, at 654-8181, ext. 322 to schedule an appointment. Also, be sure you're following the laws established in the Illinois Child Passenger Protection Act or face penalties. The ICPPA requires that anyone who transports children in non-commercial vehicles must do so in the following manner:

- Children under 8 must be secured in a safety seat that use the vehicle's lap and shoulder belt. Children between 8 and 16 must be secured with a safety belt anywhere in the car.
- Children weighing 40+ pounds may sit in the back seat while wearing a lap belt if it isn't equipped with a lap and shoulder belt.
- Parents/guardians of children under the age of 8 are responsible for providing a child safety seat to anyone who transports their child.

News in Brief

Solicitation Complaints Received

Under the guise of the Burr Ridge Police Association, the Metropolitan Alliance of Police (M.A.P.) continues to solicit residents and businesses for contributions. Neither the Village nor the Police Department is involved in or condones this action and Officers are not allowed to participate in solicitations of this type. The "Burr Ridge Police Association" is a local affiliate of the M.A.P. union and any contribution should be made freely and openly on the basis of an informed choice. If you have been contacted and feel that you were pressured, misinformed or harassed in any way, it is suggested that you call the M.A.P. offices at (630) 759-4925 and ask for your money back. Please contact Steve Stricker, Village Administrator, at 654-8181, extension 100 with any concerns or complaints.

Help Emergency Responders Find You: Make Your Proper Address Visible

Emergency vehicles rely on addresses to respond to calls for service but their response can be slowed if they cannot locate an address. Be sure your address is displayed in a position easily observable from the street. The Village has adopted by reference and has the authority to enforce the BOCA (Building Officials, Code Administrators) National Property Maintenance Code. The Code requires that any structure to which a street number has been assigned must have the number displayed in Arabic numerals at least 3 inches high and ½ inch stroke.

DuPage County addresses can be particularly difficult to located because the 16W, 6S, 7S, 8S, 9S or 10S prefixes do not correspond with block numbers. Making the situation more difficult are the residents and businesses who do not display the prefix in their address or use it when calling for emergency services. For your safety, be sure to use your proper address.

Celebrate Arbor Day April 30th

Celebrate Arbor Day Friday, April 30th. The Village will conduct a tree planting ceremony Friday, April 30th at 10:00 AM at Pleasantdale Middle School (7450 S. Wolf Road, Burr Ridge). Students will learn about tree planting techniques and help Village Arborist Gary Gatlin plant a Skyline Honey Locust tree. The commitment to tree planting has, for the 10th consecutive year, earned the Village Tree City U.S.A. recognition.

Address Changes Under Consideration

To resolve duplicated address and the potential for delayed emergency services in the DuPage County portion of the Village, the Board of Trustees has considered revising the addresses of 600 residents and businesses. Although no action was taken at the March 22nd Board meeting when the issue was discussed at great length, the costs and benefits of the changes are being evaluated. Addresses that begin with the 15W, 16W, 6S, 7S, 8S, 9S or 10S prefixes would be affected if the change is approved.

Know the Code

Building Permits Required

Building permits are required for additions, fences, pools, gazebos, decks, generators and driveways. A permit is not required to re-roof or add a second roof layer. If you have questions about permit requirements call the Building Department at 654-8181.

Construction Site Problems

Construction on the outside of any enclosed structure or anywhere on any structure not completely enclosed is permitted Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday through Sunday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. If construction occurs outside those hours please call the Police Department so they can investigate the situation immediately. Other construction site maintenance problems include keeping the streets free of mud and the site free of excess debris, maintaining silt and wood construction fencing, a dumpster and port-a-pot. Report problems to the Engineering Department at 654-8181, extension 4. Please list an after-hours number where you can be reached.

Keep Weeds Under Control

Anyone who owns a vacant lot in the Village is reminded to be a good neighbor by keeping weeds out and grass cut. Per Village Code, staff will send a certified letter notifying the owner of weed problems or grass that exceeds 6 inches in height, constituting a nuisance. After 7 days, if the nuisance has not been addressed, the Village will send a local service to cut the grass and the property owner will be billed.

County Line Road Construction Update

The Village is pleased to report that Cook County went out to bid for the long-overdue County Line Road construction project. The bid letting, originally scheduled for December, was delayed due to the County Building fire. The project will include reconstruction of County Line Road, the installation of a sidewalk from South Frontage Road (Village Hall) to Ashton Drive, and improvements to the intersection at 83rd street including widening the intersection, installing a traffic signal and left turn lanes.

When construction begins, the County indicated that it will occur in two phases: 80th to just south of 83rd Street, followed by 83rd to 91st Street. They anticipate that traffic will be limited to one lane traveling northbound only. During phase 1, southbound traffic will be detoured 79th Street to Madison to 87th Street. During phase 2, southbound traffic will be detoured 83rd Street to Madison to 91st Street. As promised, Staff will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates when available. Staff will invite affected residents in the construction area to a meeting to discuss the details of the project in April or May.

VILLAGE OF BURR RIDGE
7660 S. COUNTY LINE ROAD
BURR RIDGE, ILLINOIS 60527

ADDRESS SERVICE
REQUESTED

**PRESORTED
STANDARD
US POSTAGE PAID
HINSDALE, IL
PERMIT NO. 94**

**DATED MATERIAL
PLEASE DELIVER PROMPTLY**

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

Village Proposed New Budget
2004 Road Program
County Line Road Construction
Mosquito Abatement Contract



Calendar of Events

April

- | | |
|---|--|
| 4 Daylight Savings Time Begins | 15 Sprinkling Restrictions Begin |
| 5 Plan Commission Mtg. 7:30 PM | 17 Plan Commission Mtg. 7:30 PM |
| 6 Police Pension Board Mtg. 7:00 PM | 18 Economic Development Committee Mtg. 7:30 PM |
| 10 Veterans Memorial Committee Mtg. 8:00 AM | 20 Stormwater Management Committee Mtg. 7:30 PM |
| 12 Village Board Mtg. 7:30 PM | 24 Village Board Mtg. 7:30 PM |
| 14 Board of Fire & Police Commissioners Mtg. 7:00 PM | 26 Environmental Quality Commission Mtg. 7:30 PM |
| 19 Plan Commission Mtg. 7:30 PM
Brush Chipping Begins N. of 79th St. | 29 Veterans Memorial Committee Mtg. 8:00 AM |
| 24 Veterans Memorial Committee Mtg. 8:00 AM | 31 Memorial Day - Village Hall Closed |
| 26 Village Board Mtg. 7:30 PM
Brush Chipping Begins S of 79th St. | |

May

- | | |
|--|--|
| 3 Plan Commission Mtg. 7:30 PM | |
| 8 Veterans Memorial Committee Mtg. 8:00 AM | |
| 10 Village Board Mtg. 7:30 PM | |
| 12 Board of Fire & Police Commissioners Mtg. 7:00 PM | |
| 13 Pathway Commission Mtg. 7:30 PM | |
| | <u>June</u> |
| | 7 Plan Commission Mtg. 7:30 PM |
| | 9 Board of Fire & Police Commissioners Mtg. 7:00 PM |
| | 12 Veterans Memorial Committee Mtg. 8:00 AM
Brush Chipping Begins at Public Works |
| | 14 Village Board Mtg. 7:30 PM |
| | 21 Plan Commission Mtg. 7:30 PM |
| | 26 Veterans Memorial Committee Mtg. 8:00 AM |
| | 28 Village Board Mtg. 7:30 PM |

Hazardous Waste Collection

DuPage County will sponsor a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event at the College of DuPage (SE corner of Lambert & Fawell Blvd.) on Saturday, April 24th from 8 AM to 3 PM. For a list of acceptable items or directions, call the Household Hazardous Waste Hotline at (630) 510-2810 or visit the County's web site at www.co.dupage.il.us/dec.

Voter Registration Information

To vote in the November General Election you must be registered by **October 5, 2004**. Stop by the Burr Ridge Village Hall to register with Karen Thomas, Village Clerk, Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 5 PM. She can be reached at 654-8181, ext. 101. Remember to bring two forms of identification; one must show your current address.

You may wish to check your current registration status. In DuPage County log on to www.dupageelections.com. In Cook County visit www.voterinfonet.com.

Spring Residential Curbside Brush Chipping Program

North of
79th Street
Begins
Monday,
April 19

South of
79th Street
Begins
Monday,
April 26

The eighth annual spring residential curbside brush chipping program will begin Monday, April 19, and will continue for two weeks in accordance with the schedule noted to the left.

Program requirements:

- Branches must NOT be placed in the parkway until three weekends before the chipping program for your area begins.
- Branches must be in the parkway by NO LATER THAN 7:00 a.m. on the first day of pickup for your area (either April 19 or 26).
- Brush chipping at each property is limited to 2 hours. If chipping takes more than the time allotted, there will be an additional \$50 per hour charge. A branch pile 12,000 cubic feet in size (200 feet long, 12 feet wide and 5 feet high) can be chipped in 2 hours.
- Branches removed by contractors will not be accepted. The program is intended to assist residents who perform their own work.
- Only branches will be accepted and they must not exceed 4" in diameter.
- Branches must be stacked neatly on the parkway with all stems/butt ends toward the street.
- Branches must not be tied with string, wire, etc. and must be free of staples, nails or metal of any kind.

Fall Program Dates:



October 25
North of 79th
November 1
South of 79th

Residents may pick up small quantities of wood chips at the Public Works Facility at 451 Commerce Street. Bring your own containers. The drop off chipping program will be conducted at Public Works on the second Saturdays of June, July, August and September between 9 a.m. and 12 noon.

Village of Burr Ridge Lawn Sprinkling Restrictions

May 15 - Sept. 15

The approach of spring means the beginning of lawn sprinkling restrictions that are required for all communities receiving water from Lake Michigan.

Lawn sprinkling is permitted **18 hours per day three days per week**, with sprinkling hours regulated from **May 15 through September 15**. Save this flyer & give us your full cooperation in complying with the following regulations governing lawn sprinkling:

- ◆ **Lawn sprinkling is not permitted between 12 noon & 6 p.m. any day of the week.**
- ◆ **Lawn sprinkling is not permitted on Wednesdays.**
- ◆ At other times, lawn sprinkling is permitted in accordance with the schedule listed to the right.
- ◆ Water usage for activities other than lawn sprinkling, including car washing & the hand watering of vegetables, flowers & gardens is allowed any day at any time.
- ◆ Residents using private wells are not subject to lawn sprinkling restrictions but must notify the Police Department that a well is in use.
- ◆ Permits will be issued for more frequent lawn sprinkling only for new sod installations. Contact the Building Department at 654-8181, ext. 608 for information on how you can obtain a permit.

North of 83rd Street

Mon, Thu & Sat
Midnight to Noon
& 6PM to Midnight

South of 83rd Street

Tue, Fri & Sun
Midnight to Noon
& 6PM to Midnight

Taking full advantage of hours when lawn sprinkling is permitted could result in higher bi-monthly water bills.